



YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

May 3, 2004 – 7:00pm
Hillview Community Center, Room A
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022

Call to Order

Vice-Chairperson Stanley called the meeting to order at 7:16pm

Roll Call

Present: Vice-Chairperson Stanley, Commissioners Angelo, Bien, Elchert, Lorell, Ringen, Wright, Zwarenstein
Absent: Chairperson Garcia, Commissioners Chafey, Sachdeva

Public Comment

The following students were in attendance for Civic Involvement:

Erik Hans Hansen, N. El Monte, Los Altos
Andrew Sangster, Benvenue Avenue, Los Altos

Approval of Minutes

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ZWARENSTEIN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WRIGHT to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2004 regular meeting, the March 8, 2004 Special Meeting, the March 15, 2004 regular meeting and the April 5, 2004 regular meeting. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Discussion

- 1. Skate Park** – *Moved from Discussion Item 5 to Discussion Item 1 so that audience members could speak on issue.* – Gail & Edward Hartford of Maynard Court and their son John Hartford were present for this item. Mrs. Hartford feels that the skate park is a good resource for kids in the community. Is hoping that Youth Commission will forward a recommendation to City Council to purchase a new skate park for skaters in town. Mr. Hartford feels that there are very few outdoor summer activities for kids to do in Los Altos. He feels that most other communities have put money into skate parks and that the City of Los Altos should do the same thing. Also feels that if members of the community are asked that they might give money to purchase new equipment. Would like the equipment in a permanent location in Los Altos.

Commissioners felt that this item should be extensively covered on the next May 17, 2004 Youth Commission agenda and that the Town Crier should be notified that there is a public meeting

regarding the skate park. Commissioner Elchert will contact the Town Crier and make them aware of the meeting and let them know that the public is welcome to attend and give their opinions about the skate park. Commission feels that this method along with their survey will give them an idea about the interest of a skate park in Los Altos.

Commissioner Angelo will contact St. Nicholas and St. Simon Schools and make them aware of the meeting on this issue. Commissioner Wright will put announcements at Los Altos High School. Staff will put announcements at Mountain View High School and Egan & Blach Intermediate Schools.

2. **Community Picnic Special Event** – *Moved from Discussion Item 1 to Discussion Item 2 so that audience members could speak on item 1.* – There was some discussion as to whether or not Youth Commission wanted to have the Teen Area of the picnic be a concert/band. Commissioners discussed the idea of having a “dunk ball” basketball contest, with possibly a cash prize. MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ELCHERT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WRIGHT to direct staff to find the cost of renting 4 or 6 basketball hoops for the event. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE. MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WRIGHT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LORELL to have a special meeting on May 11, 2004 at 6pm to further discuss this event. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.
3. **Los Altos Village Association – Community Plaza Concert** – Ted Garrett from LAVA was unable to attend. Commissioner Wright spoke with Mr. Garrett and was told that LAVA is in support of a concert or Battle of the Bands in the plaza. MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ELCHERT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WRIGHT to invite Nick Testa, Jr. and possibly another act to perform on the evening June 4, 2004 in the Community Plaza. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.
4. **2004-05 Youth Commission** – Commission was informed that the 2004-05 Youth Commission will be appointed at the May 11, 2004 City Council meeting. Commission will elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson at heir next regular meeting.
5. **Youth Center – Commissioner Wright** – Distributed ideas for a new Youth Center in Los Altos. Commission will look over the ideas and discuss further at next regular meeting.
6. **Fundraiser Update – Commissioner Bien** – Commissioner Bien has made contact with Armadillo Willy’s, Fresh Choice and Chevy’s. They are all willing to hold a fundraiser at their restaurant. While commission thinks this idea is a good one, they would like to table it until the first meeting in August. Commissioners thanked Commissioner Bien for his hard work on this item.
7. **Budget Requests** – Tabled.

Adjournment

Vice-Chairperson Stanley adjourned the meeting at 8:41pm.